

*Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Minority Leader of the United States Senate, the Majority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Colorado Congressional Delegation.

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# INTRODUCING THE GREAT PLAINS HISTORIC GRASSLAND WILDER- NESS AREA ACT

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 26, 2002*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a member of the Native American Caucus to introduce the Great Plains Historic Grassland Wilderness Area Act and urge my colleagues to co-sponsor and vote for this legislation. This bill will ensure that the last remaining pristine grasslands are protected.

While ninety-nine percent of the original grasslands have been altered from their natural states for corporate interests, such as mining coal, oil and gas, one percent remains in pristine form. I believe this one percent must be protected.

Though humans continue to transform and extract "resources" from the natural environment, our earth maintains the ability to revitalize itself. In spite of this revitalization process, numerous species and natural environments have been destroyed because of our decisions.

While most of the remaining pristine grasslands are located on federal lands throughout the plains region, a small portion are on tribal government lands. I believe that the federal government, in conjunction with tribal governments of this region, should work together to ensure the continuance of these unique environments. Such efforts would provide these areas of the earth the time to replenish through natural processes.

In 1964, Congress vowed, "to secure for the American people of present and future generations the benefits of an enduring source of wilderness." I believe this promise has not been met and am introducing this legislation to reinforce Congress' commitment to protect these lands.

Once this bill is signed into law, federal lands that contain pristine grasslands would be protected and enhanced for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations. In addition, tribal governments which own such pristine grasslands or have such land held in trust by the federal government, could choose to participate in the benefits and programs provided under this bill.

Participating tribal governments would receive financial and technical assistance for their complete participation in the processes to manage, protect, and restore these natural environments with the federal government. I believe that these governments should have a greater role in managing federal grassland wilderness areas using their proven methods of environmental sustainability.

Tribal governments administer hospitals, law enforcement and public safety agencies, research centers, childcare facilities, primary and secondary schools, colleges, court systems, environmental protection agencies and carry out numerous other governmental functions.

As a result of such tribal governmental administration activity, Indian tribes provide major contributions to the local, regional and national economy by providing both revenue and employment opportunities to both Indian and non-Indian people of America. Clearly, such governments can effectively assist the federal government in managing federal grassland wilderness areas.

Tribal colleges of this region would be contracted to initiate and complete a study of the grasslands wilderness area to determine the original plant and animal species inhabiting the grasslands, their present condition and the steps necessary to restore such species to self-sustaining levels.

These administrative and research activities would be carried out through the Office of Native American Wilderness Management in the Department of the Interior. The Office would be headed by a Director, selected by the Secretary in consultation with tribal governments from the plains region.

I would like to thank all of the tribal government leaders who participated in the consultation sessions to design this bill. I would especially like to thank Ms. Charmaine White Face for her dedication and consistency to assisting in bringing this bill to fruition.

# COMMENDING THE UNITED FILI- PINO STUDENT ASSOCIATION OF GUAM

**HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 26, 2002*

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, student activism is strong and commonplace on my home island of Guam. Historically, Guam students have joined organizations to gain a sense of comradeship and to seize upon an opportunity to engage in noble charitable and civic activities that benefit the community. One particular organization that stands out among the rest for their service and dedicated membership is the United Filipino Student Association (UFSA).

The UFSA, comprised of University of Guam students and students from each of the four public high schools on Guam, provides a social environment that promotes the culture and unity of Filipino students on the island. The UFSA is also very civic-minded, adding to the membership's ability to recognize, understand and take action on issues relevant to their everyday experiences. Promoting the knowledge of the historical, political, social and economic conditions of Filipino people

outside of the Philippines, the UFSA serves as a dependable resource and information source for issues affecting Filipino youth and community on Guam.

On September 30, 2002, this very prominent student organization will be swearing in its newly elected officers, marking another chapter in its already rich history, which spans over two decades. The first UFSA on Guam was founded at the University Of Guam in 1972, and after an eight year period of dormancy, the association was revived in 1993. The officers spearheading its renewed presence then were Patrick S. Luces, Marelito Calimlim, Leila Orden, Buena Fernandez, Analisa Retumban, Norman Analista, and Lawrence S. Luces.

In 1998, Mark Galang, Mike Cabral, and Kendrick De Vera succeeded in integrating UOG UFSA with UFSA of George Washington High School, John F. Kennedy High School, and Simon Sanchez High School. This organizational merging proved to empower the membership base and rejuvenate their work. In 2001, Southern High UFSA was chartered and joined the overall UFSA organization. This year, expansion efforts continue with the Guam Community College (GCC). Filipino Students at GCC are currently in the process of establishing an UFSA organization in their school.

Through the years, UFSA has reached out island-wide and touched an entire community. The Filipino youth of Guam, who worked so diligently to build the UFSA today are to be commended for their leadership and example. The UFSA has strengthened the education of so many, supplementing their classroom experiences with valuable civic commitment. The organization has served as a medium through which students have demonstrated the highest levels of citizenship. I commend the UFSA for their work and encourage their newly elected leadership to carry this torch of success for the future. I thank the outgoing President, Patrick Quitugua, and congratulate the incoming President, Andrew T. Solidum. I also congratulate Diane Reyes, the first Vice President who will serve an additional term, and Riza Marquez, the second Vice President who will also serve another term. Finally, I thank Lea' Beth Naholowaa, their advisor. With their leadership, I know many more good things for UFSA and Guam are to come.

# HONORING THE 165TH ANNIVER- SARY OF ALL SAINTS EPIS- COPAL CHURCH

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 26, 2002*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating All Saints Church upon celebrating 165 years of worship, fellowship and outreach in Pontiac, Michigan.

All Saints Episcopal Church was started in 1837 as a mission. Reverend Algernon Hollister, of nearby St. John's Parish in Troy, first organized the parish to serve the one thousand persons living in the Pontiac area at that time. Initially called Zion Church, its first liturgy was celebrated on September 24 with 16 persons receiving the Eucharist that Sunday morning. The parish moved quickly to build a

church. The original wooden structure built on the corner of Williams and Pike Streets was replaced with a stone church in 1854.

After struggling for years under several rectors, the parish experienced a transformation under the leadership of Reverend Lawrence Stevens. He assumed the rector's position in 1881. Known for his generosity to persons in need he was also noted for his ability to comfort the sick and mourning. His energy infused the parish and the congregation became a center in the community to assist the poor and suffering. Even after his stewardship of the parish was over, his influence could still be felt. When the parish hall was added in 1927 it was named in his honor.

The congregation decided to rename the parish in 1904. Now known as All Saints Episcopal Church, the parish suffered a blow the next year. Fire destroyed part of the church. Undaunted, the parish cleared away the rubble, erected a temporary roof and continued to celebrate the Eucharist until a new building was finished in 1908. The parish continued its growth and in 1922 two hundred families made it their spiritual home. That year Reverend Bates Burt became the church's new pastor. He remained in that post for the next 25 years and guided All Saints Church in several important missions. Together with his son, Alfred, and the church organist, Wihla Hutson, Reverend Burt composed several Christmas carols. They are now known as "Burt Carols" and sung in churches throughout the Anglican Communion. He was instrumental in the building of Stevens Hall and his vision shaped the use of that structure. He saw the parish hall as not only a meeting place for the congregation but of the community as a whole. His vision of social justice and interaction with all the citizens of Pontiac has guided the parish in the intervening years.

Through the Great Depression and World War II, All Saints Parish has been a beacon to those desperate to sustain body and soul. When the congregations of other denominations decided to leave the city of Pontiac during the period of the Fair Housing Covenant and mandatory school integration, All Saints Parish voted to remain in their home in the heart of the city. The parish members believed that God had placed the church in its location and they would be violating His mandate to desert the city in its time of crisis. With the advent of Reverend Catherine Waynick as rector in 1993, the people of All Saints Parish expanded their outreach and started the Bound Together program. Serving the children of Pontiac, it provides tutoring, social activities, arts and crafts and hot food to nourish both their physical and spiritual lives.

Three rectors of All Saints Parish have been elevated to the episcopate, the Reverend Herbert Fox, the Reverend Ivor Curtis and the Reverend Catherine Waynick. In 1997 the national Episcopal Church designated All Saints as a Jubilee Center. This honor was accorded to the parish to recognize its vibrant, ongoing partnership with the greater Pontiac community.

For 165 years All Saints Parish has been a dynamic force for the public good. At every time of social need or upheaval, the parishioners have resoundingly responded by living the gospel spoken every Sunday in the sanctuary. The inspiration for living by Christian ideals is repeated again and again in the lives of the clergy and congregation of this parish.

Mr. Speaker I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and applaud the continuity of Christian life that has resonated for 16 decades and resonates today through All Saints Parish.

#### THE DAY LIBERTY CRIED

HON. RICHARD H. BAKER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. BAKER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to read a poem entitled "The Day Liberty Cried" written by a constituent of mine, Scott Rogers.

#### THE DAY LIBERTY CRIED

(By Scott Rogers)

Just another Tuesday morn  
As people went their way  
The cars, the trains were bustling by  
Another working day  
Although diverse with many faces  
These people shared one hue  
They lived together with Liberty  
Under the colors Red, White, and Blue  
Liberty was the one thing that they shared  
They nurtured Her in their heart  
But little that morn did they realize  
That their world would be torn apart  
Liberty was strong She stood proud  
But on this fateful morn She cried  
In horror She watched as evil attacked  
So many innocent people died  
Liberty bowed Her head that day  
For She felt somehow that She  
Had allowed these acts to come to Her shores  
To the Great Land of the free  
But the evil that attacked Her  
Could not begin to understand  
That Liberty could not be destroyed  
Nor our great love for this great land  
Those who tried to hurt Her  
Could not break Her soul  
And proudly we fought to rebuild what was lost  
Although heavy was our toll  
Each brick that fell was carefully removed  
Each victim we will always remember  
And Liberty is there to remind us all  
Each Eleventh of September  
We will never forget, we must not forget  
Yes, . . . Liberty did cry that day  
But we will never stop pledging "In God we trust"  
Because? . . . We love this U.S.A.

#### IN HONOR OF NICOLE MARIE TOTINO

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Nicole Marie Totino, New Jersey's Miss Bayonne Columbus 2002. In a grand ceremony, the Bayonne Columbus Committee will crown her at a dinner dance on Saturday, September 28, 2002, at the Chandelier Restaurant in Bayonne, New Jersey.

Nicole Totino graduated from Bayonne's Horace Mann School and St. Dominic Academy in Jersey City. An active participant at St. Dominic Academy, she served as President of the SDA National Honor Society, and was a member of numerous clubs, including the

Math Club; Multicultural Club; Student Ambassador Club; Chess Club; Student Council; and the Outdoor Activities Club.

Her hard work and determination set her apart from her peers and during her senior year she was awarded the Class Valedictorian Award, SDA Spanish Foreign Language Medal, the Edward Bloustein Distinguished Scholar Award, and the New Jersey Scholar-Athlete Award.

An avid student, Nicole attended the prestigious New Jersey Governor's School for Sciences at Drew University, St. Peter's College Summer Scholar Program, the LEAD Business Program for Minorities at Duke University, and the Columbia University summer program for high school students.

She volunteers her time at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, where she works at the annual Feast/Carnival. Nicole will start college this fall and aspires to study Economics, Latin American Studies, and Finance.

Nicole Totino is the daughter of Nick and Edna Rodriguez-Cabrera Totino and sister of Sunilka.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Nicole Marie Totino, Miss Bayonne Columbus 2002. We are honored to have such an accomplished young woman representing our community.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO LUCINDA SULLIVAN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to recognize Mrs. Lucinda Sullivan of Redvale, Colorado. Mrs. Sullivan has recently been honored in the State of Mississippi as the oldest living relative of the Confederate President, Jefferson Davis.

Mrs. Sullivan grew up and has spent her life in southwestern Colorado after her grandparents relocated there in the 19th century. As Jefferson Davis' great granddaughter, Mrs. Sullivan is part of a proud legacy that is still revered throughout the South for Davis' leadership as President of the Confederacy during the Civil War. Davis was also an influential leader in the War with Mexico, and as the Secretary of War for the Franklin Pierce Administration.

In honor of her historic past, Mrs. Sullivan was anointed Queen of Pioneer Days, and has just recently traveled to the Mississippi Delta with 16 other family members for Davis' annual birthday celebration. The festivities were held at the Beavoir home and museum, and then a family reunion was prepared at Davis' other home. Both homes were owned by Davis after his former properties had been confiscated by Union soldiers after the Civil War.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to recognize Mrs. Lucinda Sullivan before this Congress and this nation for her participation in preserving our nation's rich and enduring history. It is through the continued efforts of citizens like Mrs. Sullivan that keeps American history alive today and I commend her for her efforts.